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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371

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Responsive to the notification dated August 18, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 USC 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee(s) was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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